

King County Mobility Coalition

MINUTES

Tuesday, August 21, 2012, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Shoreline City Hall, Council Chambers
17544 Midvale Ave N, Shoreline, WA 98133

In attendance

Members/Alternates: Gaby Bell, Dorene Cornwell, Jackie Engler-Morris, Sylvia Fuerstenberg, Francois Larrivee, Ref Lindmark (co-chair), Scott Ninneman, Alex O'Reilly (co-chair), Edith Savadove, Allison Scott, George Smith, Cindy Zwart
Collaborators: Christine Anderson, Jason Beloso, Jo Cavinta, Bruce Greeley, Zach Munsey, Matthew Rohrbach, Peter Schmiedeskamp, Jim Seek, Suni Tolton.
Staff: Michelle Zeidman.

Welcome, Introductions & Brief Announcements

Everyone introduced themselves, including the following new collaborators:

New Introductions:

- Christine Anderson is the Outreach Services Coordinator for the King County Library System.
- Bruce Greeley is the Manager of Mobile Services for the King County Library System.

Announcements:

- WSDOT's third and final listening session on the statewide Human Services Transportation Plan will be held on August 22nd in Everett.
- Alex O'Reilly encouraged members to attend The Silver Tsunami: A Candidates' Forum on Washington's Aging Readiness. Audience members at the forum will be able to hear perspectives of candidates for the Washington State Legislature.

Consent Calendar

May 15, 2012 Meeting Minutes: the Coalition approved the meeting minutes as drafted.

KCLS Mobile Library Programs (Jo Cavinta, Christine Anderson)

Jo Cavinta introduced her colleagues Christine Anderson and Bruce Greeley. Christine Anderson then briefed the group on the Library2Go! program, covering the information located on two handouts (see attachments). She also fielded a variety of questions about the program.

Gaby Bell asked if the computers will be useable by people with disabilities. Christine explained that the mobile computer labs will contain computers similar to those in libraries, and will contain headphones and speakers. They are also looking into using the JAWS screen reader software. Gaby also asked if the mobile libraries would be wheelchair accessible, which they will be.

Sylvia Fuerstenberg asked if the librarians will be bilingual. Christine replied that the printed materials will be bilingual, and the libraries can partner with community organizations for interpreters.

Sylvia Fuerstenberg asked about organizations requesting the mobile libraries. Christine explained that organizations will be able to request, and that they should check in with local libraries.

Jackie Engler-Morris asked if Washington Talking Book and Braille Library materials would be able to be brought to home-bound people. Christine replied that the KCLS is currently unable to work with the library due to its Seattle-based service area.

Alex O'Reilly asked if the workshop kits would have any transportation resources. Christine replied that the kits were still in creation, and that there are no transportation resources in them yet. Alex suggested collaborating with organizations from the King County Mobility Coalition for up-to-date information.

North King County Transportation Issues (George Smith, Alicia McIntire)

George Smith shared the North King County Mobility Coalition's biggest success so far: getting the Hyde Shuttle expanded in the Shoreline area. With the expansion, the Hyde Shuttle is able to help clients who live north of the Seattle-Shoreline border to get transportation to medical services near Northgate, and helps clients from North Seattle travel to the Shoreline Senior Center. The Hyde Shuttle helps roughly 200 Shoreline residents per month.

George also shared information on the North Urban Human Services Alliance (NUHSA), passing out a booklet containing data on North King County (see attachment).

Alicia McIntire gave a presentation on two major projects occurring in North King County: the RapidRide E line and the Link Light Rail.

RapidRide E Line:

Alicia reported that the E line will begin in September 2013. It replaces the route of the #358, and will have some exclusive lanes. The buses are the low-floor model, and will have three doors for easy entry/exit. They will also use drop ramps, as opposed to wheelchair lifts. There will be some off board payment at stations (but not stops), and passengers can also pay at the front.

Cindy Zwart asked how fares would be enforced with the off board payments. Alicia explained that they would be using fare enforcement officers, like those on the light rail.

Sylvia Fuerstenberg asked if shelters would be present at each stop. Alicia reported that some stops will not have shelters, which are determined by the number of daily boardings, plus some other factors.

Francois Larrivee asked if Metro is looking to increase the number of connections to the RapidRide. Alicia was not sure about east/west connections, but noted that there are already good connections in place along that corridor.

Link Light Rail:

- Lynnwood extension is scheduled to open in 2023
- Sound Transit is still in the early planning process, and is preparing a draft EIS
- The preferred locations for stations will be decided by summer 2013. The alignment of the light rail will be along the I-5 corridor, from Northgate to Lynnwood.
- George Smith brought up the Growing Transit Communities Equity Grants:
 - There has been no analysis of this segment through the grants.
 - A community organization could apply to PSRC for the third round of the Equity Grants.
 - Michelle Zeidman mentioned that Hopelink could help an organization with the Equity Grant process, as it has prior experience.
- Francois Larrivee asked about public participation during the public meetings. Alicia McIntire explained that Shoreline conducted three meetings in Spring that were successful.

PSRC Coordinated Plan Update (Peter Schmiedeskamp, Matthew Rohrbach)

Before beginning, Peter Schmiedeskamp mentioned that questions about the update should be addressed to Gil Cerise.

Michelle Zeidman explained the importance of the Coordinated Transit-Human Services Plan, as many King County Mobility Coalition members apply for grants through the PSRC, and need their projects to meet needs identified in the plan.

Peter elaborated on the information covered in the PowerPoint slides (see attachment).

Ref Lindmark suggested there needs to be a broader definition of major destinations to include special needs destinations, such as food banks.

Alex O'Reilly asked how the King County Mobility Coalition could give feedback on the scope of work in time for the October finalization.

- ☐ ACTION ITEM: Please send feedback on the scope of work to Michelle Zeidman, who will compile the input and share with the PSRC's Special Needs Transportation Committee.

Ref encouraged KCMC members to look at the current plan when thinking about the scope of work for the next update. He also encouraged members to share updates of their inventory of services.

Michelle also noted that the PSRC will ask the KCMC to update our local plan, and that all transportation service providers should prepare to write a concise description of their current services for inclusion in the plan update.

Jason Beloso reminded members that WSDOT will have a grant training sessions next week in Bellevue at the WSDOT Transportation Conference. He is also looking into an additional training session for those who cannot attend the WSDOT conference.

- ACTION ITEM: Please contact Jason at BelosoJ@wsdot.wa.gov if you are interested in additional coordinated grant training opportunities.

Michelle announced that she was looking for a member and alternate for the PSRC grant scoring.

- Need two people by September 11, 2012
- About 40 hours of worth of work
- 1 or 2 meetings
- Both member and alternate will score every application, and enter the scores onto an Excel spreadsheet
- Good way to learn about projects in King County
- Sylvia, Dorene, and Alex all mentioned interest

- ACTION ITEM: Michelle will follow up with the members listed above.

Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative (EERC) Update (Alex O'Reilly)

- Alex O'Reilly briefed the group on the Neighborhood Conversation Café project (see attachment).
- The EERC is working with cities on transportation plan updates, and encouraged members from other regions in the county to work with their cities on the plan updates.
- The EERC meets next on August 28th, 2012 at 1:00 pm at Bellevue City Hall.

South King County Mobility Coalition (SKCMC) Update (Allison Scott)

- The SKCMC identified a work plan and is working on the “Establishing System Coordination” section of the plan.
- They are currently trying to improve transportation services by coordinating information.
- Allison explained the need for a one-stop information resource.

Mobility Manager Update (Michelle Zeidman)

- Livable Communities Committee
 - Bridging the Gap – working on a grant proposal to help get patients to hospital appointments at Children’s Hospital and Harborview Medical Center.
 - Looking at a project designed to help improve the walkability of areas near transit stops.
- Jon Morrison Winters will be joining Hopelink as the new Mobility Coordinator on August 23, 2012. He will be staffing the sub-regional coalitions, as well as working with KCMC committees.
- Community Travel Tips videos
 - Recently advertised in two Spanish language newspapers, with a circulation of 17,000 households.
 - Working on publishing advertisements in Russian, Somali, and Amharic media.

- Would like to put a group together to help review and provide suggestions on grant applications. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help, please contact Michelle.

Next Steps

- Next Meeting: **Tuesday, November 20** from 9-11am at the **Seattle Municipal Tower**

Agendas, minutes and handouts from past Coalition meeting are available online at:

<http://metro.kingcounty.gov/tops/kccsnt/agendas-minutes.html>